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BREAKING NEWS
FROM ICOM
No specs yet

Wine, DX and Contesting Don Minkoff- NK6A
May 13, 2006

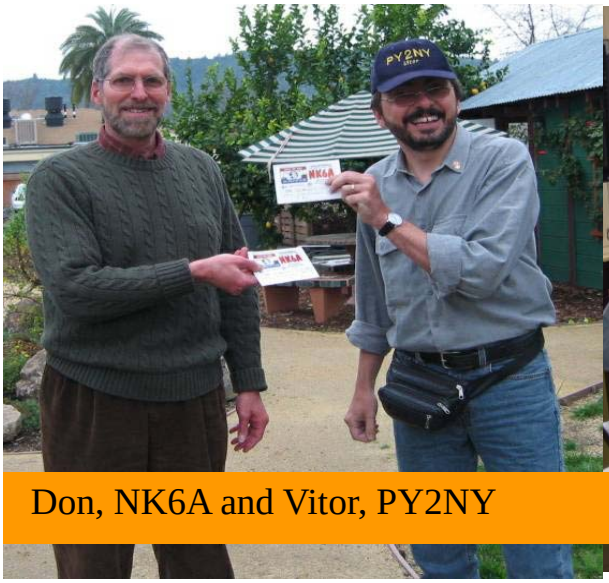
What do wine, Dxing and contesting have do to with one another? I guess you can celebrate the end of the contest with a nice bottle of your favorite wine. Celebrate that last country with a toast from a rare vintage. Open up that 1965 bottle of wine you have been saving for that special occasion of making the top 5 in the CQ WW Contest.

Just maybe you could meet another contester, Dxer and wine connoisseur via the contest reflector and actually meet for lunch and some wine tasting in the famous Napa Valley wine country.

That is exactly what I did last December when I answered an email from Vitor, PY2NY. He was coming out to the Napa Wine area and was looking for suggestions on lodging and wine tasting. I fancy myself an expert on food and wine plus lodging in the Napa area since I have been going there every year since 1972 or so.

Vitor and I communicated for a few weeks, and I set him up with a B&B where I was staying and made suggestions for restaurants and wineries. My wife Sheila and I finally met Vitor and his wife Ana, PU2VYT, for a delightful lunch the day we were to leave.

We met a week later near the airport before he went home. Dick Norton, N6AA, joined us for dinner.



Don, NK6A and Vitor, PY2NY

PY2NY and PU2VYT and Sheila

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
PLEASE READ
PLEASE COMMENT

This is important so I repeated it.

A Message from the Board of Directors

It has been suggested to the Board that the SCDXC change the way it handles support of DXpeditions. Therefore the Board would like to get some input from the members before any possible changes are made.

Currently the club makes a donation of +/-$2000 per year to the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF). Any solicitations from DXpeditions for financial support the club receives are acknowledged with a letter explaining the clubs support of the NCDXF and that we will forward the request to the NCDXF. This system has been in place since the early 1990s and has served the club well with minimal effort on the clubs part.

Some members have suggested that by using this system, the club does not get the direct recognition that we deserve from the DX community. With this method the club does not get it's logo on QSL cards, mentions of thanks in publications, presentations or Web sites. Also the NCDXF does not make available to the club how funds are spent or any sort of accounting. Other than the statement on their Web site (www.ncdxf.org) that “The Foundation does not have a paid staff, and no Foundation officer, director or advisor receives a salary or compensation in any form”. The club to the best of the Board’s knowledge has not made a formal request for information on funding but in an informal conversation with the President of the NCDXF in 2005 we were told that such information is not made public. When donations are made to the foundation by the club we do not even get a letter acknowledging the donation. However the Board understands that they do make mention of it in their newsletter which the club does not receive.

The Board has discussed 3 possible paths the club could follow in this matter. (1) Keep the current system, (2) support DXpeditions directly instead of through the NCDXF or (3) support DXpeditions directly and donate the NCDXF but at a reduced rate.

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DX FUNDING CONTINUED

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For options 2 & 3 the Board has discussed the following. An advisory committee of 3 or 5 club members who would review funding requests and make recommendations to the Board. The Board would probably set strict criteria for the committee to use to eliminate all but the worthiest funding requests. The Board would handle the setting of criteria and the final decision to fund a request would rest with the Board. Also you should know that several members have already volunteered to serve on the advisory committee.

The Board understands that like no-code licensing members will probably have very strong feelings on this issue, and like no-code there will not be one answer that will please everyone.

Please take a few minutes and visit the club Web site at www.scdxc.org/view.html and let the Board know your views on this issue. We encourage you to use the form on the Web site but if for some reason you can't please e-mail you opinion to view@scdxc.org.

Thank you,
SCDXC Board

QRZ HAM RADIO TRIVIA

Submitted by KB2AK, Q66

A very well-known radio and early television personality was also know as K4LIB on the Amateur Bands. Who was this personality?

Kate Smith Freeman Gosden Arthur Godfrey Lowell Thomas

See answer on page 6

Test your IOTA anagrams. see answers on page 6

A SLOSH = NAME HONG = PICA VAT=

RUMOR MILL!!!

Dateline, Washington, DC... The FCC today took what they described as an important new step to reduce QRM on amateur frequencies by setting standards for voice speeds. The docket #200-4U will become official in the Part 97 amateur regulations effective April First.

Citing frequent complaints about "long, boring conversations" on the ham bands, especially 75 meters, the Commission moved to impose a new standard on voice operations requiring all conversations to be at a speed of "at least 200 spoken words-per-minute".

The Commission in its ruling was especially critical of what they called "long winded, often endless conversations by old men talking about their prostate problems and other needs to get up and go to the bathroom several times during the night".

FCC staffers say they have personally heard conversations about nothing that went for hours and tied up frequencies that could be used by faster talkers. Official Observer stations have received instructions to listen to suspect conversations and count the number of words-per-minute spoken. Those QSOs which fail to meet the minimum speed requirements will be noted and the operators involved will receive Official Observer Advisory Notices encouraging them to follow the rules or risk receiving notice of apparent violation citations from the FCC.

Some hams in southern states complained the new regulation will impose a burden on them because they naturally talk more slowly than those up north. They are suggesting that frequencies be set aside for slow speed discussions concerning favorite country music artists (particularly Don Williams), NASCAR, huntin' and feeshin' (particularly bass and brim). FCC says it may consider that in future rulemaking.

In a separate press release, the American Radio Relay League said they are also concerned about two-meter operation where little is discussed except "full quieting and items to be picked up on the way home". The League said that sort of thing is boring and is usually spoken very slowly as well, far below the 200 words-per-minute minimum.

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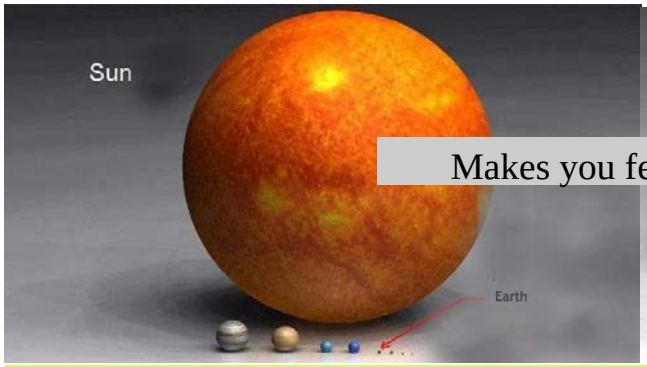
The League suggested conversations on how to help raise more money for League activities would be especially welcomed and will be encouraged. Future issues of QST will contain special pull-out sections containing recommended topics for on-air discussion to brighten up QSOs.

73 & Good DX
Jim Shryne, N6DHZ



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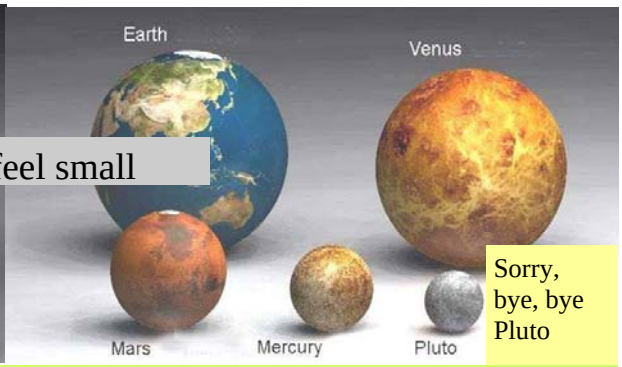

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Anagram answers from page 4

A SLOSH = SHOALS

NAME HONG = MONHEGAN

PICA VAT =CAPTIVA

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM PAGE 4

Arthur Godfrey is correct.

His fan club still use the call sign.

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The August meeting played to a full house. Dick Norton, N6AA, brought us up to date on the goings on at ARRL. The BPL issue is slowly fading and hopefully will be a non-issue soon. Dick also spoke of LoTW and how it is growing. Bubba liked hearing that he is not the only one that needs help working the program. It is a little confusing but with a little help it can be conquered. Here is my advice...find a smart person that knows how to use the program as it is intended to be used. Yes, it is not to late for a Bubba to learn. I am sure Dick will take our questions and concerns back to headquarters for further debate and represent our views.

SUMMER BASH 2006. It all starts with the IRDs, Sharon, K6IRD, and Wayne, W6IRD. They donate their beautiful home for the annual get together of the San Diego DX Club and the Southern California DX Club, hosted this year by our club. They open their house and allow over 100 hungry DXers to congregate, eat and tell stories and generally have a great afternoon. Once again Keith, K6LD with Larry, K6YUI and Ernie, N6HY showed up and BBQ'd the day away making sure everyone was fed with delicious hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken (oh my). Then came the deserts....mmmmmmmmm. Thanks again for a great job guys.

The folks from the San Diego DX Club that braved the traffic were not disappointed and had a wonderful afternoon. I enjoyed hearing people talk about Wayne's shop, especially those that have never seen it before. It is so criminally clean and orderly. Bubba always leaves in a state of amazement.....dreaming. Yes, dreaming of beating Sharon in a pileup. YL....go ahead.. who's the YL?

Once more, thanks to all that helped represent our club and host another successful Summer Bash. Bubba says: Y'all done good!

Next up? The September meeting will be our annual "Anchors Away Auction". This is your chance to clean out your shack of unwanted and unused items. Skip, KJ6Y, will once again bring his auctioneering talents out of retirement and treat us to an entertaining and profitable evening. Don't forget to watch for Sharon, K6IRD, bid against her husband Wayne, W6IRD. I look forward to seeing you at the auction. Bubbas Done

FROM THE VEEP

Another summer over, but what a summer it was! A great club picnic and Bash, and the RHE Planning Commission approved my tower. What more could a guy ask?

The fall lineup so far is as follows. We'll be having the usual September auction, so bring your amateur radio-related detritus to see who'll stick it in his/her garage until next year. As for me, well, you can bet on it: I'm gonna try to get someone to buy that A&A Smooth VOX unit again. Heck, third year's a charm. In October Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ will be presenting on his IOTA exploits. Then, in November, David Doody from JPL will be speaking on spacecraft communications.

As we head toward the end of the year, the Board's thoughts turn to succession. When I agreed to take the VP position this year (my arm still hurts from all the twisting), I understood that there is an expected progression from that position to the presidency. I agreed to stand for election but this does not mean that no one else can run so, if it's your fondest desire to lead our great club in 2007, let us know and we'll put you on the ballot.

We will, of course, require a vice president. Now, I'm well aware that the VP job is generally regarded as the worst job in the club, and it's often been difficult to convince someone – anyone – to take it. Really, however, I've enjoyed it this year. Having said that, I would nevertheless like to take a bit of the burden off the VP next year and have some ideas as to how to do just that. Regardless of who becomes president next year, we're still going to need a vice president. So, if you're willing to discuss the job and my ideas for how to make it a little less intimidating, give me a call or collar me at a meeting.

As we go to press, I'm still in the appeal window for my tower. That is, the tower was approved but there's a period of time during which folks can appeal. No one has, to date, so I'm hopeful that the hole for the foundation will be dug next month. More on this next month.

73, JW, K6JW

HOW DID YOU LIKE THAT SUMMER BASH?
I heard somebody say...WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR.
Congratulations and many thanks to the Springs and all their helpers.
SEE THEM PICTURES

THE EDITORS NOTES

Here we are again, about to receive the castoffs of the clan of Ham Radio Operators. Each year we gather and devote one meeting in the attempt to rid ourselves of the Handle called Pac Rat. I am in the midst of moving so I know the feeling. Last months newsletter was sort of scattered due to my moving but I can assure you that it probably won't change much after I complete the move and go to a new place. What I can try to do is find a place that will allow my little antenna system to go up.

Last month, at the picnic Mel K6SY, won mine and everybody else's radio and Don NK6A won the side dish competition with his Tabbouleh, Middle Eastern and Greek salad. Congratulations to all. I gotta stop missing these things.

Sometime ago Jim N6DHZ and I discussed the best way to distribute the newsletter. So far we have been sending out notices as to when and to where it was. This is and has created extra work due to spam filtering by members or IPS or changing of e mail address without club notice. When e mails bounce I need to check other sites to find new addresses. Sometimes taking a lot of time. Our idea was to have a fixed day of release and you go with out notice and retrieve the newsletter. This of course presents a problem of you maybe not getting a newsletter before outsiders which can retrieve about a month later. So any ideas on this proposal would be appreciated. The biggest haters of our mailing are AOL, ARRL and of course those folks who pay for spam protection. They just don't hate us, but are trying to protect their subscribers from spam. Even Verizon and Earthlink are getting into the act. Presently I have 21 groups of members which I send separately to distribute. To make it easier for me, what do you think? OK, but be nice.

Just to remind everybody to send in your comments and even some news that we could all share, like getting your antenna permit approved, atta way Jeff.

Couple of months ago I mentioned that Dave W6AQ assembled a KX1 from Elecraft and had done some heavy DX., now that his antenna tuner should be wired I haven't heard a thing. Do you suppose the writing is too small or is he working on QRP honor roll??? Gud DX, 73. TIS NUFF!!!
Steve W6NRQ

Corky's Corner 2006

It is that time of the year again to dish on what was heard, said and seen at Visalia. I had my crews out in force at the convention seeing and hearing everything that went on. Now some may call me a meddler or a gossiper but what can I say, they are right. Now let's get down to the juicy details!

1. Before Visalia even started, what ARRL Section Manager and his wife were seen canoodling with another female at a local OC eatery?
2. What well-known radio manufactures employee was rumored to have "done" another woman for preferential treatment at an east coast ham fest?
3. "I wish I was a pig, they have thirty minute orgasms!" - On a personal note, not too bad. I definitely have much more respect for pigs now!
4. "I have a stagnant backload." – I didn't ask for details on this one!
5. "I wanted a smoked oyster, but all I get now is a dried raisin!"
6. "Don't call me pumpkin A*$H%*#!"
7. "I have been rear ended."
8. "My head won't fit through the doors and my a#$ won't fit in the chairs."
9. "To play better pool, you have to lube your stick so it flows better." – Words definitely to live by.
10. "I think of you as my daughter…but then again, I am from Arkansas."
11. "If there is a amateur radio heaven, there must be a hellava shack!"
12. "I always like it when my envelope is folded."
13. 1st person: You are a wanton woman.
    2nd person: I didn't know you were Chinese.
14. Speaking about a DXpedition: "These guys did this thing…"
15. Rumor has it that a man had to use the woman's bathroom because he got kicked out of a private party in the men's bathroom.

With the theme being Vegas and what happens in Visalia stays in Visalia, I will keep some dirty secrets to myself. It was another great year of canoodling, secrets and desires revealed, and just funny things being said. I hope you enjoyed my column and remember whatever you say and whatever you do, we will be watching!

ANONAMOUS

WHO WE ARE

We are FCC licensed members of the Amateur Radio Fraternity who enjoy talking to people and making friends from around the world using different modes of Radio Transmission.

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Monthly meetings are held at 1930 hrs on the 2 nd Thursday of each month at the Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. See the club web page for directions.

No meeting months are April (Visalia), December (Christmas Party). Other months as announced.

Some members meet at the Roll and Rye Deli in Culver City at 6PM for eats and gossip catch up.

Get info on W6AM Club Repeater: 145.48 MHz, 100 Hz PL

Club Web Site: www.scdxc.org

ELECTIONS ARE COMING SIGN UP NOW.

SLOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST.!!!

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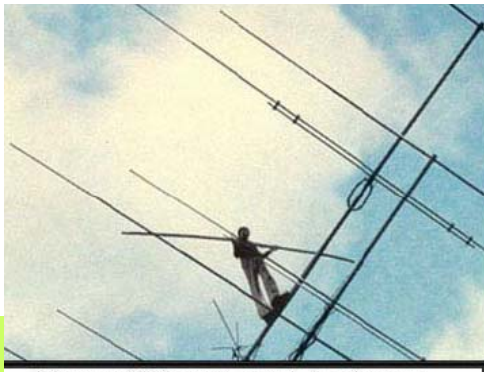

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GENERAL BULL

The FCC yesterday (8/2/06) took steps to further promote the rollout of broadband over power lines as a competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL. The FCC's actions come amid a surge in interest among investors in BPL technology. Broadcasting & Cable news (8/3):
http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/CA6359053.html
Submitted by Urban, W6MPB

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WHO'S ON TOP OF THE BAND/COUNTRY LIST?

Recently 425 DX News released the top 25 DXers – the total being based upon the number of entities for all bands (10M to 160M) plus the number of entities on the three major modes – SSB, CW and RTTY.

The top dog is N4WW who has 332 on 10M, 326 on 12M, 334 on 15M, 330 on 17M, 334 on 20M, 328 on 30M, 333 on 40M, 329 on 80M and 296 on 160M. Add the mode numbers of 335 on SSB, 334 on CW and 330 on RTTY and the final sum is 3941.

Of interest, W0BV who ended up in 25th place wasn't so very far off the mark with just 9 less on 10M, 6 less on 12M, 5 less on 15M, 3 less on 17M, 1 more on 20M, 20 less on 30M, 5 less on 40M, 34 less on 80M and 91 less on 160M. The mode numbers, however, were virtually the same as the top dog on SSB and CW – 1 less on SSB, the same on CW and 11 less on RTTY for a final sum of 3757 – just 184 points less.

The other 23 between #1 and #25 were OH2BU, W4DR, OH3SR, HA0DU, SM0AJU, W7UT, OM3EY, W1JR, DJ2BW, OM3PC, HA8BE, ON7GB, UA0MF, I4EAT, K3UA, OZ8ABE, EA6NB, N4CC, DK8NG, LY2ZZ, DJ2YA, N2QT and W3UR.

For a look at the entire list, http://www.425dx.org/awards/toplist/index.html .

San Diego Southwestern Division Convention Update

The Southwestern Division's largest Amateur Radio gathering is at the Division Convention on September 22, 23, and 24, at the San Diego Mariott Mission Valley Hotel. A full program of talks and events is at www.sandarc-conv2006.org

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